

Water Replenishment District Badly Needed, Backer Reports

The legal machinery for underground water replenishment in southern Los Angeles County will be provided if voters approve the formation of the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District at a special election on Nov. 17.

This statement was made yesterday by C. D. Barker, of El Segundo who heads Division 2 of a volunteer citizens committee backing formation of the Replenishment District. Division 2 includes Dominguez-Carson, El Segun-

do, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Moneta, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills City, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro, Torrance, Wilmington, and Wiseburn.

"THIRSTY residents and the industries where they work have been borrowing from centuries of accumulated savings of underground water," Barker said. "Now, however, we have reached the point where underground

water has been depleted to the danger level.

"More than 165,000 acre feet of water are pumped out of the ground in the southern portion of the county each year over and above the amount replaced naturally by rainfall.

"TOTAL extraction of water from the Central and West Basins amounts to 300,000 acre feet annually so more than half of this pumping represents 'overdraft' or 'bor-

rowing' from the accumulated water savings of the past," Barker continued.

"The Replenishment District proposes to assess pumpers of water \$6.60 for each acre foot pumped and use the money to purchase Colorado River water. Assessment of the pumping production of 300,000 acre feet of Colorado River water at \$12 per acre foot for 'sinking' into the ground," he said.

"THE NORMAL area of

percolation of run-off water into the ground is in the spreading areas adjacent to the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers below Whittier Narrows Dam. Colorado River water will be percolated at these points and will also be put into the ground in a series of pressure recharge wells along the coast. The latter is a method of stopping saline intrusion which has been satisfactorily tested by the State of California in the Manhattan Beach area," Barker concluded.

Lomita Building Tops

Other County Offices

The Lomita office, for the sixth time this year, exceeded all other County Building and Safety offices in monthly building permit valuation. Supervisor Burton W. Chace disclosed today.

The September total of \$3,857,815 topped the Norwalk County office which was second with \$3,379,000.

Of the record \$3,857,815 for the Lomita office, the permit for construction of Harbor General Hospital accounted for \$2,265,000.

A total of 200 permits were issued during September.

Umberger Librarian At Carson

Harold N. Umberger has been appointed librarian of the Carson Branch Library, 22102 S. Main St., replacing Miss Ruth Binz who has accepted a position in Hawaii. Umberger has moved into the Carson area, and with his wife and children, has established residence at 36 W. 228th St.

A native of Baltimore, Md., he received his A.B. degree from the University of Penn-

sylvania in 1958, and M.S. in library science from the University of Southern California early this year. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps, 1951-53. Prior to assuming his duties as librarian of the Carson Branch library on Oct. 1 Umberger was employed by the Doheny Library, University of Southern California. Umberger stated that he is very much pleased with the Carson Branch Library, and the community, and is desirous of becoming acquainted with the residents.

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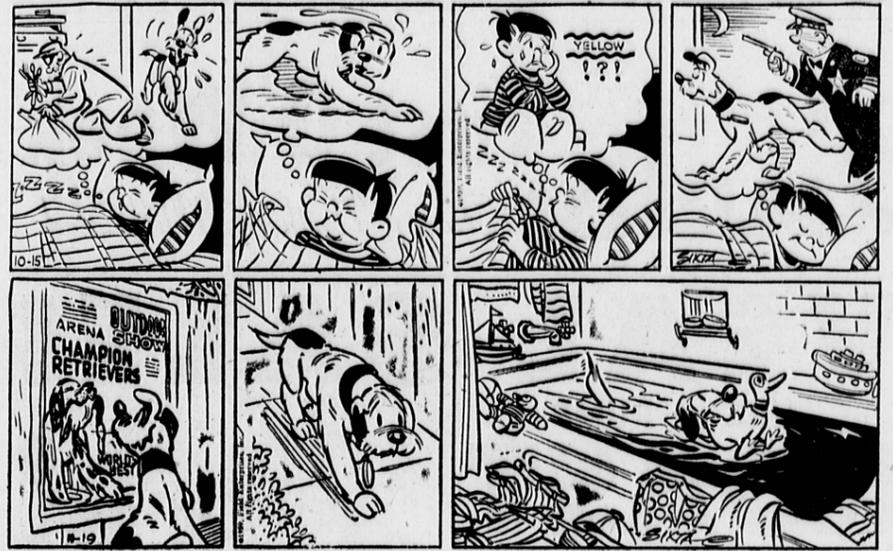
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